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Applicant(s): Smith et al.  
 Serial No.: 10/619,678  
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FRYING POTATO CHIPS AND  
 RELATED FOODSTUFFS  
 Filed: July 15, 2003  
 Examiner: D. E. Becker  
 Art Unit: 1761  
 Confirmation No.: 7064  
 Customer No.: 27,623

Attorney Docket No.: 343.7121USV

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 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated December 11, 2006 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	5	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	x \$200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				x \$360.00 = \$		
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES				\$0.00		
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY				N/A		

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The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0.00.

       A check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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				\$N/A		

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2006, hereinafter "the Office Action", Applicants respectfully submit the following response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.